

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in this application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims, in view of the claim amendments above and comments below.

As per Applicant's conversation with the Examiner on Dec. 18, 2007, the Applicant has added the limitation, "wherein said implantable neurostimulator comprises an implantable pulse generator module and a stimulus-receiver module that receives external stimulus signals and is capable of applying said electrical pulses independently of said pulse generator module", to independent claims 8 and 15.

Applicant submits that dependent claims 9-14, and 16-23 are dependent on independent claims 8, and 15, and therefore should be allowable at least because of their dependence on the respective independent claims.

Double Patenting

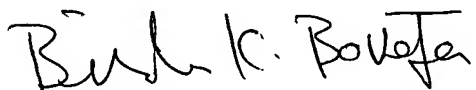
Claims 1-31 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 7,191,012.

Applicant is providing a terminal disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejections have been overcome and the pending claims are in condition for allowance. An indication of allowability of pending claims is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, or if the Examiner feels that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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